

with General Gavira, the local commandant, and Consul Garcia in El Paso. Later Gutierrez said that the five movements against Villa were being directed by himself and Generals Luis Herrera, Rafael Maldonado, Benjamin Garza and Jose Cabazos.

Garza sent a new cavalry detachment after Villa last night from Ahumada, on the east, in addition to the force he sent yesterday from Laguna to the south of Ahumada.

While the cavalry forces are moving in from the east, the command of 900 men at Santa Ana, under Colonel Cano, is believed at the Juarez headquarters to be sufficient to check any attempt by Villa to escape to the south up the canyon of the Santa Maria River.

Villa Has Many Wounded.

A dispatch received to-day from Colonel Rito Mora, of Tucson, stated that Villa carried a larger number wounded with him in wagons through Galeana. The Mormons at Casas Grandes, he said, feel secure and have no desire to take out of the country. But also confirmed the news of the safety of Mrs. Wright's child, kidnapped by Villa, and found at the Cornejo Valley ranch.

Advices from Douglas to-day stated that between 1,000 and 1,200 soldiers are in General Cárdenas' mobilization camp at Cabillona, according to American who passed there in motor cars.

They said they say only eight or nine cannon of various types belonging to the artillery force, which was drilling.

Staff officers and clerks around the headquarters office in Juarez still take a significant interest in reports about the American troops crossing the border. This is the first subject they question the visitor from El Paso about.

While the border waited in keen expectancy for word that United States soldiers had crossed the international line, reports flowed in from Mexican sources to the effect that Mexico's arch-bandit already had his surroundings to proceed to Columbus. The chief apparently was making strenuous efforts to anticipate the Americans and was reported from several sources to have concentrated more than 10,000 troops at different points about Casas Grandes region in Chihuahua, where Villa is supposed to be.

Transport Trains Cease Moving.

The officers of the 10th Cavalry left here to-day for Columbus shortly after it was learned that the passage of transport trains between here and the scene of the Villa raid had ceased. They were practically the last of the corps officers who were stationed here, and will now be used to transport supplies on long flights to determine the location of the bandit chief and his band. Already an aero squadron is at Columbus and ready to begin initial flights across the border, according to information this afternoon. The aero squadron, on a special train, passed through El Paso early to-day to the west.

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train had been fired upon at Belen, seventeen miles west of here. Conductor Rogers, in charge of the train, said several shots had been fired from underbrush near the station.

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BELL WILL DIRECT FORCE AT EL PASO

Importance of Post Calls for Brigade Commander, Says Funston.

TROOP TRAINS MOVE FROM MANY POINTS

Those from Fort Worth Have Soldiers on Engines as Result of Bridge Burning.

SAN ANTONIO, March 14.—The transfer of General Pershing from El Paso, Major General Funston declaring that the greater importance of that movement required that a brigade commander be in charge. General Bell will direct the movements of troops guarding the border after departure of the punitive expedition into Mexico.

An aerial squadron, consisting of seven aeroplanes, their crews and mechanics, arrived here from San Antonio to-night and was immediately ordered to proceed to Columbus. The squadron was under command of Captain B. D. Feulouis. The aeroplane

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authorized strength of 100,000 men. The present campaign may attain such proportions that the need for even further increases may become imperative.

Transportation Problem Grave.

Transportation is said at the War Department to be the chief obstacle to General Punitive movements. The country to which the army is going is almost without railroads, and the lack of water, food and forage will make it necessary to transport all supplies overland.

The army is now attempting to purchase two trains of motor trucks at a cost of about \$150,000. Army officers who have been clamoring for years for adequate transportation facilities say that the need has been given by the national demands. Funston's column could have been in Mexico days ago and the speedy termination of the campaign assured. As it is, General Funston has been obliged to make all his preparations since Friday, when the President authorized the expedition against Villa.

It is realized in army circles here that each day of delay in getting troops across the border probably will add weeks to the campaign.

Although officials are endeavoring strenuously to suppress any hint of scandal, mutual recriminations are being indulged in, army men blaming Congress and the Administration, and Administration leaders hinting the blame rests on the army.

Army Men Resentful.

From the army point of view, it is pointed out that the Administration is persisting in refusing General Funston permission to cross the border on any pretext until Colonel Slocum a week ago took the law in his own hands and issued direct orders, orders, rushed his men after Villa, several miles into Mexican territory. With the orders he had, it is declared, General Funston necessarily was unprepared for an invasion of Mexico, and when the Administration, reversing its policy, backed up Slocum's disobedience with an order to turn Villa, Funston was obliged to build an organization for that purpose from the foundation up.

"We are not at war," said an officer to-day, "and yet it is necessary for the border army to be doubled before we can fire a gun. The situation is not new; the border has been threatened for five years. Foreighted people have predicted all that time that this was going to happen. We have maintained a guard along the frontier, knowing it was inadequate for the smallest operation.

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CALLS CARRANZA FORCE DISLOYAL

Senator Fall Says Troops Deserted Villa Only for Money.

From The Tribune Bureau

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